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Academic Outlook



Justin Cooper

One of the interesting aspects of a university - level institution is the many disciplines which are represented on campus.

This diversity of specialized areas of study lends a richness to campus life as cadres of faculty and students develop around the pursuit of specific branches of learning.

This is also taking shape at Redeemer College. If one roams the halls, computer "hackers" and business students can be found pouring over their keyboards in the computer centre. Art students are busy in the art studio, while below, pleasant sounds come from the practice rooms of the music centre, which now houses a band, the choir and practice facilities for piano and organ.

In the science labs, budding scientists conduct their experiments. Meanwhile, the seminary students occupy a

table in the cafeteria to talk theology during a break in their seminar, and education students share the latest experiences of teacher assisting in local schools.

Theatre arts students can be seen arranging the set in the studio theatre for their acting class, and in the athletic area, balls are flying and iron is pumped as skills are honed and bodily functions studied. And students of all subjects populate the library examining books and periodicals.

Rather than leading to an inward - looking 'group-ism', such clusters of activity often produce tangible fruits which can be shared with the larger college community. Over the course of an academic year, one is treated to choir and band concerts, student recitals and exhibitions, theatrical productions, a variety of athletic events, interesting invited speakers and colloquia involving students' research, student journalism and more. To give an example, this past week, students (mainly in political science) sponsored

an all candidates meeting at the College for the federal riding of Hamilton-Wentworth, which provided a beneficial evening for both the College and the broader community.

Such events contribute to the overall educational experience of students and can also provide occasions for alumni to return to campus and share in the activities of their alma mater. With these developments, the College is again demonstrating that it has become a *bona fide* undergraduate university.

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New Look for College Paper

John Noordhof

What is a college or university without a student newspaper that can be the radical element on campus, making heads turn in the General Office? Redeemer College has really changed in the past seven years and the *Crown* hasn't gone unaffected.

For those alumni that went to Redeemer only during its pioneer year, you may not be acquainted with the *Crown*, simply because it didn't exist. Despite a valiant attempt first year, the student newspaper never got off the ground. But the next year, Harry Zantingh made a humble beginning with five issues. The biggest headline of the year was our first hockey win in two years.

Harry continued as editor the next year, followed by the team of Sylvia DeJong and Wilma Jonkman. Who can forget Edgar Hielema's "Student Comment" column? I think it aged the President a lot.

In the next two years, first under Corstian Devos and then myself, the *Crown* became a regular biweekly paper. Finally, the stability that is required of a student paper was evident.

The ground work of these five years allowed for many changes this year under the creative eye of Ross Taylor, last year's Student Council (sic) President. The *Crown* received a new format (tabloid), and is no longer being photocopied but rather, professionally printed. Of course, these changes cost money so Ross has enlisted the skills of fourth year business student Denise Bezuyen to sell advertising space to the community. Amazingly, response to the *Crown's* new service is going very well (I counted nine paid ads in the last issue).

The newspaper still takes a lot of time and effort on behalf of its contributors and staff. It still manages to raise the eyebrows of a few people as well. But then, what is university without some controversy and excitement?

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College Formulates Mission Statement

At a meeting of the Redeemer College Board of Governors on Saturday, October 29th, a mission statement formulated by College Council and Administrative Council was approved for use. The statement reads:

Redeemer College is a Christian university offering Scripturally-directed, liberal arts and sciences education which explores the relation of faith, learning and living from a Reformed Christian perspective and which enables students to gain a deeper understanding of God's creation, equipping them for a life of service and leadership under the Lordship of Christ.

The statement will be used to summarize the goals of Redeemer College to the Christian community at large.

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First M.A. !

Helen Vreugdenhil, 87 completed requirements for her M.A. in British History at the end of August. After graduating from Redeemer College, Helen enrolled at the University of Toronto in September, 1987 and will receive her M.A. on November 25th.

Helen received an A+ on her Thesis - a remarkable accomplishment in any field of study. The work is entitled "The Church Missionary Society in Uganda, 1875 - 1905"

Helen enrolled immediately in the Ph.D. program and is now a T.A. for three classes. She expects to take about five years to get the degree so that she can teach History at the university level.

Congratulations Helen!

A Day for Seniors

On Reformation Day, 375 seniors attended the College's fifth annual Senior Citizens' Day. Dr. John Bolt, Associate Professor of religion and theology, spoke on the timely issue: "The Future of the Church in the 21st Century: What do we tell our Children and Grandchildren?" He reflected on the rapidly changing world, stressing the importance of remembering and proclaiming what is important. "Most of all," he reminded them, "Jehovah's truth will stand forever."

Seniors also enjoyed music provided by surprise guest artists, pianist Jan Veenje and alto

The Editor's Workbench

I'm excited! Our Association is finally coming together - Board meetings, newsletter, scholarships etc. But that's not all.

Alumni are coming of age in the Redeemer College community. On October 29th, Redeemer Alumni were represented on the College Board of Governors for the first time. Renee Weavers (Bos) 86, was elected at the College's annual meeting on Sept. 12th. Renee will sit on the B. of G. and will attend 1 or 2 Alumni Board meetings per year as well, so that Alumni concerns are voiced at the highest level. In addition, Renee receives all Alumni Board correspondence so she keeps informed about what our Board is up to.

I'm excited because this is only the beginning. Dick Kranendonk has suggested that in a few years,

more Alumni will sit on the Board of Governors. Justin Cooper has promised a spot for us on the College's Academic Council as well. Unfortunately, we need a charter change from the Province before they allow us to change the structure of that body. Maybe next year. Through all this though, you see that it's possible for us to become very active in the Redeemer College Community. And why not? It's our school too.

Why is this involvement necessary on our part? I think that we owe it to today's students to help provide them with a *Christian* higher education, just as our parents' generation did for us. In a few years it will be our children walking through these doors. With our experiences to guide us, we will make Redeemer College a better place.

I encourage each one of you to get more involved in Redeemer College, whether you are a graduate (who by the way are the worst at telling me where they are) or a one-year student, your input is important and appreciated.

Finally, thanks to everyone who recently became a member of Redeemer College through my last letter. I understand that this soon after studying, a donation is a special effort. I appreciate this gesture very much. I also understand that as a student, things can be very tight. I am not going to worry, you will donate when you are ready. I look forward to this spring when our first scholarships will be awarded to students.

Willard.

Renata Heemskerk of Holland.

After lunch, seniors were addressed by College Stewardship Director, W. Smouter, who spoke on the principles of giving, sharing, and estate planning. He also appealed to the audience to help Redeemer cover the unexpected deficit resulting from higher interest rates on campus debt and lighter course load among students.

The day concluded with two musical selections by five College Choir members. An organ-flute duet was also played by Chris Teeuwesen and Carolyn Stronks.

The Personal Touch

Marlene DeBoer x83 graduated in 1986 from Seneca College as an Animal Health Technician. She is presently employed at Cambridge Veterinary Services.

Tim Fisher x84 married Jeanne Kloet x85 on June 11th this year. Tim is working toward his Masters in Industrial Psychology at Central Michigan University, where he received a fellowship.

Nick Vreugdenhil x83 graduated from McMaster University in 1988 with a degree in computer engineering and management. He works at Northern Telecom in Ottawa as a Network Engineer. Nick married Helene Mast in August, 1986 and the couple expect a baby D.V. in March, next year.

Les Vuyk x83 is now employed as a Police Constable with the Niagara Regional Police. Les and his wife have two children: Brian (3) and Jessica (1).

John Kaldeway x84, graduated from Algonquin with a Certificate in Graphic Design. John is now the Art Director of a business newspaper in Ottawa.

Kathy Terpstra (Hoogeveen) x84 graduated from R.B.C. in 1987 with a degree in Religious Education. On August 22nd, Kathy married Jeff Terpstra, a freelance illustrator from Grand Rapids. She is expecting her first child this fall.

Marlene VanRaay (Luth) x84 lives in Windsor, Ontario and is married to Mark VanRaay. Marlene and Mark have 2 sons

aged 3 and 1. As well as being a mother, Marlene works as Church Secretary in Windsor CRC.

Frank Wielinga, x85 married Aviva in August, 1987. As Frank completes his degree in Agri-Business at the University of Guelph, Aviva works as a veterinarian in Mitchell, Ontario. Frank plans to graduate in April, 1989.

Wendy Adema x86 is presently Interim Coordinator of Guelph Information, a program sponsored by the United Way Social Planning Council. Wendy plans to return to school in January to complete her BSc in Family and Social Relations.

Sharon Dam, 87 has been promoted to Director of Horizon House Durham IV, a division of Christian Horizons in Pickering.

Sylvia Haverkamp, 87 graduated from Calvin College in May, 1988 and now teaches Kindergarten in the Holland Marsh Christian School.

Joyce Mellema, 87 is now teaching Biology and Chemistry in Fraser Valley Christian High School in Surrey, B.C.

Mike Oegema 87 and Annie Vander Mey 87 were married on September 17th. Mike and Annie now live in St. Thomas.

Henriette Moelker (Snyder) x87 was married to John Moelker of Cambridge, Ontario. She reports that she is completely recovered of her car accident and is due to have a baby in May next year.

Paul Wiersma x87 now lives at:
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